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TUESDAY EVENING.

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TWO CENTS.

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Platt Is Very Angry Beyond a Doubt.

SATISFACTION SOUGHT

Doesn't Like to Be Called "Intriguer."

His Athletic Sons May Chip Into the Game.

There is a possibility that the libel suit threatened by Senator Platt, of New York, against William Allen White of Emporia, may be tried in a Kansas court.

If the charge is for criminal libel it may be brought where the plaintiff chooses but if it be a civil suit for damages it will have to be brought in Kansas unless White should happen to venture outside the state and have papers served on him in some other juridiction. If White owns property somewhere besides in Kansas that property can be attached and then White would be forced to go to trial where the property might be.

Judge T. F. Garver, when asked of the probabilities of the case being prosecuted in Kansas said: "I think that Senator Platt will probably bring the suit in the east. He can bring it where ever the magazine is circulated and he would certainly not come to Kansas to If the charge is for criminal libel !!

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R. B. Welch said: "If the suit is a criminal one it can be brought against the magazine and White and a requisition for White can be secured which will necessitate him going to trial where the case is brought. If the case is a civil suit it must be brought where service can be secured on White and if he owns no property outside of Kansas and stays in the state then the suit will have to be brought here."

If a criminal suit be commenced against White and a requisition be issued by the governor of New York on the governor of Kansas and Governor Stanley should refuse to honor the requisition then other complications might arise for Senator Platt to combat. It is certain ghat it will not be safe for Mr. White to venture within the borders of New York and he may be nabbed most anywhere east of the nabbed most anywhere east of the

Mississippi.

The lawyers who will represent Senator Platt and have been instructed to prepare the suit are Boardman, Platt & Sloey, of New York. The Frank Platt who is a member of the firm is a son of the senator. Mr. White has not announced who the attorneys are who will represent him. He does not believe that prepared by the senators as yet.

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Senator Flart seems determined. In an interview printed in the New York Evening Post he said:

"I intend to use all my money, all my power, to bring about the punishment of this man who has so maliciously attacked me. I intend to see whether there is any law in the land. I have been held up to ridicule and contempt before the entire country. I have been portrayed by means of a mass of falsehoods by a man who does not know me. To be sure, I have been criticised before in my life, severely criticised before in my life, severely criticised, but I have overlooked those instances. This one I cannot overlook. It is not a question of Senator Platt being a big enough man to disregard such an assault as this. My character has been assaulted, and I cannot brook that.

"No, I intend to pursue Mr. White to the very end. He had no right to do what he did. I have no idea where he got his alleged information about me, but what he wrote was maliciously un-

got his alleged information about me, but what he wrote was maliciously untruthful. No time shall be lost in my presecution of him, because I feel that I have been wronged as never before in my life. As to Mr. White, all I know of him is that I read his biographical sketch of President Rooseveit."

"In what do you consider he has most scandalously attacked you?" the senator was asked.

"Oh, I won't talk of specific instances, but I will say he charges me with being

but I will say he charges me with being an intriguer, with having won my way by intrigue. Now, is this intrigue? In the Oswego convention of 1872 I voted a thousand times for Milo Goodrich for congress. Then I left the hall, designatcongress. Then I left the hall, designating a friend of the name of Stone as my alternate. I went out to Michigan, where I had sone interests, and hardly had I arrived when I received a telegram stating that I had been nominated. I promptly declined the nomination, and Mr. Goodrich was nominated. I went to him after election and asked him to appoint a friend of mine postmaster at Oswego. He hemmed and hawed and finally declined. Immediately I went to Representative Hotchkiss, who was serving out a short term and was to be succeeded by Goodrich, and said to him:

him:

"Goodrich has played me false after all I have done for him. I want you to appoint this man postmaster"; and he did so.

"Now I knew nothing whatever of any suggestion that I was to be nominated for congress, and when I received such notification I promptly declined. Wanter intriguing?"

Senator Platt was asked whether he would accept a renomination to the "I have not decided yet," he said, "but know that I would be elected if I did

'BY LAW AND OTHERWISE," Senator Platt's Sons May Seek

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New York, Dec. 24.—United States Senator Thomas C. Platt has declined o permit the reproduction of the biographical article of himself written by William Allen White and published in McClure's Magazine. The senator at the same time declined to point out those parts of the article most offensive to him, as well as the parts of the intocuracy of which he complained.

"I shall see that the article is reproduced at the proper time and in the proper manner," said Senator Platt, "in truct that the public may see the full extent of its blackguardism. I think it sone of the most malicious and offensive articles ever put in type.

"I am still determined to punish this man both by law and otherwise. When he article is reproduced I think it will appear in a magazine with my answer, n order that it will reach and he read by the persons who read the insulting vords contained in the so-called critism. My answer is not yet ready. My awyers will attend to the legal features if the case."

friends that the publishers of McCiure's Magazine had offered to the senator the use of their pages to correct any inaccuracies in the White article, or to make any answer he desires. The editor of the magazine said the management had no comment or statement to make concerning the matter.

It is not improbable, so Mr. Platt's friends say, that should young Mr. White, of Kansas, who has angered Senator Platt by the severity of his criticism, come to New York he will be called personally to account by one of Senator Platt's sons. The senator has three sons, Edward, Frank S. and Harry. Edward, the eldest, is more than six feet tall and is athletic. Frank is not particularly robust, but Harry, the youngest, is an athlete.

Young Mr. White, who has lived in the west all his life, is short and stocky. He weighs about 200 pounds, but is in fine physicial condition. He rarely comes to New York.

The White episode has brought to the surface indications of a combined effort to depose Platt as a political power. It is said that a coalition is forming by Roosevelt, Governor Odell and Mayor Low, looking to the nomination of Roosevelt in 1904, renomination of Odell and the election of Low or Lieutenant Governor Woodruff for United States senator—all without the aid or assistance of Platt.

RUNAWAY STREET CAR.

Strikes Telegraph Pole Killing One and Injuring Nine.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.-One peron was killed and nine others were injured in a peculiar accident on the Filfore street car line last night.

The dead:
Mrs. Mary Phelan, domestic, died from fracture of skull.
Injured:
Mrs. M. K. Mansie, wife of William Mansie, foot crushed and scalp wounds,

will recover.

Mrs. Mary Kelly, domestic, contusions and suffering from shock.

Robert Keller, sprain of right thumb and contusions of knee. Robert Rodgers, cut over eye and con-

Miss Josephine Bigley, contused cut over forehead and bruises on back of

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Mr. Turner, contusions and shock.

Mrs. O'Connor, injuries slight.

A. J. Duatschnan, slightly hurt.

Roy Phelps, conductor, injuries slight.

For four blocks south of Union street the grade is so steep that the cars have to be pulled up the hill by special machinery. As a car containing 15 people had nearly reached the top of the hill it broke loose in some manner and rushed down the grade with frightful speed. It kept the track until Lincoln street was reached. Here there shood an empty car waiting to be hauled to the summit. This obstruction was crushed into and wrecked by the runaway car which then jumped the rails and was brought to a standstill by a telegraph pole which it struck with tenrific force completely demolishing the car and scattering its occupants in all directions. Help was at hand and the injured passengers were given immediate care. weth forehead and bruises on back of head.

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day is "Tuesday threatening with probably snow flurros this afternoon. Colder tonight. Wednesday fair." There is a low barometer in Prince Albert which is moving eastward. There is a high in Colorado which is moving up to take the position located by the low. Those are the reasons why something may happen. The minimum temperature to-day was 42 and the wind was northwest, blowing 12 miles an hour. The hourly temperatures have been as follows:

o'clock. 45 | 11 o'clock. 45 o'clock. 44 | 12 o'clock. 45 o'clock. 43 | 1 o'clock. 43 o'clock. 44 | 2 o'clock. 43

FAR FROM WELL

Mrs. Cleveland Issues a Statement Regarding Husband.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 34.-Mrs. Grover oday concerning the health of the former president:

"The reports that have been published in regard to Mr. Cleveland's health apparently have been construed as indicating his entire recovery. This is shown by a renewal of all sorts of applications for all sorts of things which can hardly be considered even by a man in robust health. He has already received epistolary chastleement at the hands of those who are impatiently walting for answers to letters which should never have been written. While Mr. Cleveland's health is such as to entirely relieve his friends from any apprehensions, he is yet fur from well, and has not been able to leave his room for nearly five weeks."

SHOT HIS CLIENT.

hawyer and Former Consul to Honduras Becomes Insane.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 24.-William Little, a lawyer, former consul to Honduras under Cleveland, today shot and seriously wounded William L. Dodd, president of the Southern Mutual Ald association. Little had been representing Mr. Dodd, who is on trial on the church of using the mails for fraudulent purposes in connection with the Birmingham Debenture Redemption company. Mr. Little became deranged as the result of mental strain in conducting the case, and entered Dodd's room, declaring that he (Little) was going to die. A pistol was on a table, and Little selsed it and emptied every chamber at Dodd. Only one bullet took effect. Dodd will recover. Little comes of a prominent North Carolina family. president of the Southern Mutual Ald association. Little had been represent-

Two Holidays on 'Change. Chicago, Dec. 24.—Following its usual Christmas custom, the directory of the Chicago board of trade has declared to-day and tomorrow holidays on the It is said by one of Senator Platt's be

WM. E. CHANNING DEAD.

UNITED STATES

Toast to Which Justice D. J. Brewer Responded

At Banquet of New England Society of Pennsylvania.

CHEERS FOR DEWEY.

Wu Tingfang Responds to "A Greeting From the Orient."

Says This Country Will Be the World Power.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.-The twentyirst annual banquet of the New England Society of Pennsylvania was held last night in Horticultural hall, covers being laid for nearly 400 members and guests. Guests were present from New York, Baltimore, Washington, Boston dress will be given at the general meet-and other cities. Assistant U. S. Attor-ing of the association in Representative ney General James M. Beck, president, opened the speech making with a brief address. In coming down the line of the illustrious New Englanders, Presi-"George Dewey." This was the signal for an outburst of applause such as was not repeated during the remainder of the evening. The principal speaker was Associate Justice Brewer of the United States suprenfe court, who responded to the toast "The United States; a World

Justice Brewer's address was frequently punctuated with applause. Among other things he said: "The twentieth century brings us face to face with new conditions and we are con-scious that the United States of America

strong enough to be firmly just to the most powerful of nations and so strong that we must be kindly just with the weakest. We must be frank as well as honest. Henceforth diplomatic language must be something to reveal and not something to conceal thought and purpose. The honesty we must practice is not the honesty of Shylock, but that of the Golden Rule, an honesty which compels us to see the other party to the transaction."

The justice in noting some of the signs and needs of the times, touched on civil service reform. In regard to this be said:

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"Into all the avenues of our official life is entering civil service reformpromotion by merit has ceased to be the foke of the politician and is coming to be the controlling rule of all official life—not merely in the army and navy (and we have had of late some very positive assurances in respect to them) but in all the department of official life, national, state and municipal. Whatever may be the present defects in the machinery employed to secure the desired result, and very likely the defects are many, it is one of the bright assurances of the future that the thought and purpose of the people are turned in this direction and they will not be thwarted." not be thwarted."

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Wu Tingfang, the Chinese minister, responded to "A Greeting from the Orient." Minister Wu alluded briefly to the open door of the Chinese empire, saying that foreigners are treated the same as the natives; there was no high tariff in China such as other countries had, because the other countries had arranged the tariff for China. The oldest pation in the east, he said, was grateful ranged the tarin for China. The cidest nation in the east, he said, was grateful to America for all she had done for China. America, he continued, would not oppress the weak but would see that justice is done to all. This country will, said Minister Wu, not only become "A world power, but the world come "A world power, but th power, in commerce and peace."

Pensions For Kansans.

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Washington, Dec. 24.—The following pensions have been granted Kansans: Original, war with Spain, John Stark, Leavenworth, \$17. Increase, James Kellerman, Westphalia, \$12; John McGinn, Winfield, \$16; Simeon Hensen, Garland, \$10; Allen Anderson, Leavenworth, \$8; David Drumheller, Fall River, \$24; Andrew Searight, Wichita, \$12; Lorenzo Mints, Kansas City, \$8; Richard Stanfield, Believille, \$12; John Allison, Newton, \$8; Joseph Corlier, Kickapoo, \$10; Moses Hedges, Newton, \$10; Albert Morey, Leavenworth, \$8, Mexican war, Wm. Mullen, Atwood, \$12. Widows, Margaret Teter, Hutchinson, \$8; minor of Alonzo Mapes, Smith Center, \$10; Kate Baird, Moline, \$8.

New York, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Frank Les-lie, who has been ill for some time, has been taken to Roosevelt hospital, and occupies one of the private rooms. It could not be learned what Mrs. Les-lie's ailment was, but it was said that she was resting a little more comforta-bly than when admitted.

Last of Brotherhood That Included

Thoreau, Hawthorne, Emerson. Thoreau, Hawthorne, Emerson.
Concord, Mass., Dec. 24.—William Ellery Channing, the last of the brother-hood including Thoreau, Hawthorne and Emerson, who made Concord famous, is dead. He was born in Boston, November 29, 1818. He was an author of originality and poetic power, though less disciplined than his three contemporaries. His published volumes number nine and he left copious manuscripts from which selections will be made for publication later. He married Miss Ellen Fuller, sister of Margaret, in 1842, and leaves five children. sister of Margaret, in loss, and five children.
Mr. Channing's poems are "The Woodman," "The Wanderer," "Near Home," "Ellot," "John Brown." In prose he wrote "Youth of the Poet and Painter," "Thereau, the Poet-Naturalist," "Conversations in Rome between an Artist, a Catholic and a Critic."

WILL WHITE'S ADDRESS

Will Talk to Teachers Friday on "Country Editors."

One of the most interesting features of the State Teachers' association this week will be the address of William Allen White on Friday morning. The adhall at 9 o'clock Friday morning. Mr. White's subject will be "The Country Editor and the Country School," and many people are looking forward with

The main features on Thursday will be the address by Dr. A. E. Winship on "Lowell and Longfellow," at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, which will be given in Representative hall, and the cantata, "The Coming of the King," by the Topeka Choral society at the Auditorium in the evening.

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Besides Mr. White's address on Friday, the principal features will be a lecture by Prof. W. L. Tomlins, of New York, at 10:20 in the morning, and a lecture by Dr. Winship on "Boys," in the evening. Dr. Winship's lecture will be given in the high school auditorium, but the other will be in Representative hall

William E. Connelley, of Crane & Co., William E. Connelley, of Craue & Co., has issued a souvenir programme for the use of the teachers attending the association, which is something new. The programmes of the various sessions and departments are given on the right hand pages, while on the left hand pages are quotations from famous authors and space for notes. The programme makes a pamphlet of 32 pages and cover, and contains considerable miscellaneous information for the visitors to the association.

STORM IN FOOTHILLS.

Terrific Gale Sweeps Over Eastern Colorado.

Denver, Dec. 24 .- A terrific gale, approaching in places the severity of a tornade, visited the foothills along the Rocky mountains from Cheyenne to Pike's Peak. At Golden, where the storm was most severe, the old city hall building was blown down and a dence next door crushed beneath it. The occupants barely escaped with their

In the Boulder district four oil derricks were destroyed and many buildings blown down and scores of chimneys toppled over.

AMERICAN ADVICE.

China Decides That Some Is Needed in Its Business.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 24.-Six persons vere killed and a number injured last night by reason of an electric car jumping the track at a sharp curve at the foot of the high mountain between here and Coopersburg. The accident was due to the wet rails and snow. The

Rev. Tobias Kessler, aged 60, an unattached reformed church clergyman, killed within sight of his home. Irwin Renner, Sceonbill, farmer, 55

ears.
Albert Yeager, Allentown, aged 40.
Mrs. Dr. Jacobs Fotzer, Coopersburg, Ambrose Reinhard, Freedensville,

aged 50.
Frank Wesley, of Allentown.
The injured.
William Pfifer, Allentown, left arm fractured, scalp wound.
John D. Wilt, proprietor of Center Valley hotel, left arm fractured.
Mrs. J. D. Wilt, right arm fractured and hurt internally.
Mrs. Albert Yeager, whose husband was killed, hurt internally, unconscious.
Unknown Italian boy, face cut, unconscious.

Harry J. Reichard, back and head

Conductor A. L. Liehich, Allentown, left leg cut. Motorman Charles Stocker, Allentown, bruised.

Mrs. C. F. Newcomer, Coopersburg, leg broken, suffers from shock.

Rev. Kottel, of Passer, hurt internal-

Motorman Stocker tried hard to stop the car when it slipped on the steep grade but the car flew around the curve and swung against a guy pole, which tore off one side of the car and roof. Those killed sat along the broken side of the car and were crushed by the

Eighty-seven Big Ones Distributed at White House.

Each With the Compliments of the President.

LARGEST EVER MADE.

Policemen, Ushers, Servants. Gardeners, Remembered.

How the Roosevelt Family Will Spend Christmas.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Eighty-seven big turkeys were distributed to the ushers, servants, gardeners and stable men today with the compliments of the president. Each turkey had on it a card bearing the senson's compliments. The distribution was the largest ever made at the White House. President McKinley always gave turkeys to the employes but the list of recipients was never so large as that of today. The turkeys are distributed by Henry Pinckney, the White House steward.

Express wagons, mail carriers and messengers bore numerous packages to he White House today-presents to the Roosevelt family from friends and ad-

Roosevelt family from friends and admirers throughout the country. Many of the packages were for the children who will not be allowed, however, to have them until tomorrow.

The programme at the White House tomorrow will follow the custom of the family in former years. There will be no Christmas tree as a tree never has been a part of the celebration of Christmas in the Roosevelt family. The children, however, all hang up their stockings, and they will arise early tomorrow to visit them and ascertain what Santa Claus has left for them. Later in the morning the children will assemble in the library, there to receive gifts from their father and mother. In the afternoon the Roosevelt juveniles will go to the home of their uncle and aunt, Captain and Mrs. Cowles to see a pretty Christmas tree and receive their presents. The Christmas dinner will be served at 7:30 and only the family will be present.

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On Thursday, If the weather permits, it is probable that the Roosevelt family, including the president will go down the Potomac river on a cruise. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is going on a hunting trip with Dr. Rixey and is very anxious that his father should accompany him. The president is inclined to do so, if public business will permit. Even if the president can not go it is the present intention of Mrs. Roosevelt and some of the other children to accompany Dr. Rixey and Theodore, Jr.

HAZEN SHOWS WAY.

How Questions of Public Importance Should Be Settled.

Judge Z. T. Hazen, of the Shawner district court, favors a law which will bring questions of public importance

Judge Hazen favors a law, such as is in force in Colorado and other states, which allows a question of public importance where only the law is in question, to be submitted to the supreme court without argument for an immediate decision. Such a law would settle the presen controversy about the appointment of district judges before the disputed time has elapsed. In speaking of the law he advocates Judge Hazen said: "Colorado and other states have laws Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24.—The steamer Bramer, which arrived last night from the Orient, brings news that the Chinese court has decided to engage an American adviser. The name of the official is not given by the Oriental press.

The Japan Mail commenting on this, says it is a wise step for China to take, for although ner statesmen need no counsel in their domestic policy, they are unlearned in regard to dealings with foreign countries.

DUE TO WET RAILS.

Six Persons Killed in Trolley Car Wreck.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 24.—Six persons

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ANY WILL SUIT HIM.

O. L. Atherton's Complacent Attitude in Congressional Fight.

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Judge Otis L. Atherton, ex-state treasurer, is down from Russeil today. Some of the politicians guessed that he came down to look after his appointment to the Wa-Keeney land office, but he says he has not made up his mind that he wants the place. He left the impression, too, that he can have it if he wants it.

Judge Atherton did not seem to be so active in behaif of E. W. Wellington's candidacy for congress as he did the last time he came to Topeka.

"Any of the three candidates are good men and will suit me," he said, "Of course, being a neighbor of Wellington, I am naturally favorable to him, but either of the others will suit me. No matter who is nominated we will elect him."

Danes Want Their Islands.

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—A petitic gainst the sale of the Danish We against the sale of the Danish West Indies, unless the matter shall have been first submitted to a plebiscite, will be sent to the rigsdag tonight. This petition bears very few signatures of members of the former parliamentary committee who reported in favor of selling the Islands. Bankers and business men are taking a last and desperate stand against the sale of the Islands. During the coming holidays they will draw up certain proposals in the premises to be submitted to the rigsdag when that body reassembles.

Christmas Dancing. Harry Steinberg gives a dancing matinee Christmas afternoon at 3 p. m. and also 8:30 in the evening at his hall in the Masonic Block.

FRUIT GROWERS TO MEET. Sessions of State Association Will Open Thursday.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Kansas State Hortlcultural society will convene in Topeka at the rooms of the society in the state house on Thursday, and will continue through Friday and Saturday.

Following is the programme of the first day:

Trustees meet promptly at 2 o'clock p. m.

Call to order by President Wellhous

at 3 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. S. C. Coblents, pastor of First United Brethren church,

tor of First United Brethren church, Topeka.

1. Annual report of trustees, by congressional districts, on horticultural conditions and progress. First district, E. J. Holman, Leavenworth; Second district, B. F. Smith, Lawrence; Third district, F. L. Kenoyer, Independence; Fourth district, Geo. M. Munger, Eureka; Fifth district, William Cutter, Junction City; Sixth district, J. J. Alexander, Norton; Seventh district, Geo. W. Bailey, Wellington.

2. Appointment of committees on credentials of delegates, programme, membership, exhibits, audit, obituary, and final resolutions.

EVENING SESSION—7:30 P. M. Music.

3. Welcome address.
4. Response.

4. Response.

Music.
5. "What to do with Cull Applea,"
President F. Wellhouse.
6. "Tribulations of Early Horticulture in Kansas," Col. E. C. Little, Abilene.

Music.
7. "The Culture of Flowers," Mrs. G.
W. Maffet: Lawrence.
8. "Window and House Plants," Prof.
W. A. Harshbarger, Washburn college.
Music.
9. Cross-fertilization of Flowers,"
Prof. S. J. Hunter (with stereopticon),
University, Lawrence.

Music and social.

DEATH RATE CUT IN HALF. Not a Case of Yellow Fever in Havana

During November. Washington, Dec. 24.—The division of insular affairs of the war department has prepared for publication a summary of the vital statistics of the city of Havanna for the month of November, 1901. The sanitary condition of the city is excellent, each month showing a steady improvement over the corresponding month of the preceding year. During the past eleven years the average number of deaths for November has been 302. In November, this year, there were 43. The death rate was 19.58, which compares favorably with cities of the same size in the leading civilized countries of the world. During November there were no cases and no deaths from yellow fever. This can be said of no preceding November since 1782. During the last seven years the average number of deaths from this disease in November has been 48.

MILLERS WILL PROTEST. Don't Want Minimum Car Load Rates Increased.

The millers of Kansas will protest

against the action which is proposed by some of the Kansas railroads, to take some of the Kansas railroads, to take effect on January 1, to raise the minimum of carload shipments of flour to 20,000. The old minimum of 24,000 pounds still prevails on the railroads leading out of Nebraska, the Dakotas and Missouri, and it will put Kansas millers to a great disadvantage on shipments to eastern points to be compelled to pay freight on three tons more than competing millers in other states pay on the same amount of flour. Kansas millers say they would not object if their competitors in other states were treated in the same manner, but the proposed raise will discriminate against Kansas mills.

A number of members of the Kansas Millers' association met at the Copeland last evening and talked the matter over.

WAGON PLANTS UNITE. Usual Reason, to Save Expenses, Is co

Assigned for the Combine. Assigned for the Combine.

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 24—At a meeting today of the stockholders of the two companies, a consolidation was effected between the Consolidated Implement company and the Co-Operative Wagon and Machine company—two of the largest establishments of the kind in the west. The new concern will be known as the Consolidated Wagon and Machinery company. Its capital stock has been fixed at \$1,500,000, of which two-thirds will be preferred and one-third common stock.

Common stock.

The two companies have branch houses in various parts of Utah, Idaho and Wyoming, and the main object in consolidating it is said, is for the purpose of saving the heavy expense incidental to the maintenance of these separate establishments.

Sold 200 Car Loads of Prunes.

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 24.—The California Cured Fruit association has just sold 200 carloads of prunes to the J. K. Armsby company. This in connection with the brisk sales of the past ten days leaves not more than 100 carloads of last year's crop and a very limited supply of this year's pack in the association's warehouses. It is stated that the balance of the crop will be disposed of within thirty days.

Stedman Made President. New York, Dec. 24.—The New England celety of the City of New York held Society of the City of New York held their ninety-sixth annual dinner last night at the Waldorf-Astoria. It closed with the instillation of Edmund Clarence Stedman, the poet, as president of the society. William E. Dodge, president of the society, was the toastmaster. Mayor-elect Seth Low, Lleat. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Rear Admiral Barker and others spoke to toasts. General Miles' toast was on the army and navy.

Buffalo's Treasurer Resigns Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The board of aldermen have accepted the resignation of City Treasurer Philip Gerst, whose accounts are undergoing investigation. Gerst has publicly admitted that there was recently a shortage in his accounts of over \$50,000, but claims it has been made good.

War Would Affect Europe.

Vienna, Dec. 24.—The Neu Freie Press today commenting on the Chili-Argentine situation expresses the opinion that was between the two countries would seriously affect the interests of Europe not only because of the enormous trans-occanic trade, which would be injured, but be-cause it might alter the relations be-tween Europe and the United States.

Consuls Appeal to Embassies. Constantinople, Dec. 24.—Assassing ion and pillaging of villages and out aging of inhabitants have so increase recently in Macedonia that the consuls have appealed to the embassies to put a stop to such crimes. The foreign missionaries have made urgent representations to the porte of the danger of permitting the continuance of such acts.

SUITS SHAW.

General Impression at Washington Seems to Be

That the Iowa Man Will Take Treasury Portfolio.

HURRYING EASTWARD.

He Started For Washington When Tender Was Made.

Wilson Likely to Stay at Head of Agriculture.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Gov. Leslie M. Shaw, who has been offered the treasury portfolio and who is now on his way to Washington, is expected to arrive here late tonight or early tomorrow morning. The general impression among lowa public men in this city is that Gov. Shaw will accept the portfolio.

The cabinet was in session a little over an hour today. Practically no business was transacted, the whole time being occupied in felicitations of the season. The president did not mention the fact that he had tendered the treasury portfolio to Gov. Shaw at the smeeting, but privately talked with Secretary Wilson about the matter, the latter expressing the opinion that Gov. Shaw would accept. If Gov. Shaw accepts Secretary Gage will suit the incoming secretary's convenience about relinquishing his portfolio to him. Whenever Gov. Shaw is ready to assume the duties of the position Secretary Gage will the treasury to him.

Secretary Gage has not as yet announced what his plans for the future are, if Gov. Shaw goes into the cabinet the question has been raised as to whether Secretary Wilson, who also comes from lowa, will remain. On this point a cabinet officer is quoted as saying that the president is particularly desirous that Secretary Wilson, who also comes from lowa, will remain. On this point a cabinet officer is quoted as saying that the president is particularly desirous that Secretary Wilson shall continue in the farmers of the country and the president does not desire to lose him.

THE FINANCIAL SIDE OF IT.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 24.—Gov. L. M. Shaw departed last evening for Dubuque, Ia., where he is today conterring with Secretary in of the treasury with several friends, who assert that he is in Joubt in regard to accepting the place in case it shall be tendered him. He says the sairring ary is flood per year and that the house rent would cost He,000 a year for other household expenses, and that at the end of the term as secretary of the treasury with several friends, who assert than he had earned and that the wo

AT RISK OF HER LIFE.

8-Year-Old Girl Saves Sister's Home and Children.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—Eight-year-old Maud Peterson last night, at the risk of her own life, saved her eister's home from being destroyed by fire and probably saved the lives of her three little nisces, aged 4, 6 and 2 years.

Maud was left at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Hanley, to care for the beaus while Mrs. Hanley work to do her

ter. Mrs. Charles Hanley, to care for the house while Mrs. Hanley went to do her Christmas shopping. Two slender lines hung with clothing suspended over a lamp on the table caught fire. The flames mounted to the ceiling, Mand, with rare presence of mind, climbed to the table, grabbed the burning mass and ran to the door. Fortunately the flames did not communicate to the little herome's clothing. When the firemen arrived the girl had extinguished the flames and was try-ing to dispell the fears of the little enes.

Young Gartrell Beleased. Butler, Mo., Dec. 24.—William Gartrell, charged with complicity in the murder of D. B. Donegan, a Coorado miner, for which his father, Dr. J. L. Gartrell, is under sentence to hang, has been released and the case against him dismissed. The testimony at the trial of Dr. Gartrell showed that his sen was asseep when Donegan was killed.

Temperatures of Large Cities. Chicago, Dec. 24.—7 a. m. temperatures: New York, 36; Boston, 38; Philadelphia, 34; Washington, 32; Chicago, 34; Minneapolis, 32; Cincinnati, 36; St. Louis, 42.

Weather Indications. Chicago, Dec. 24.—Forecast for Kan-sas: Threatening with probably snow flurries this afternoon and in south-east portion tonight; cooler tonight; Wednesday fair with cooler in south-east portion; westerly winds.

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